

Stay **SAFE** on the ROAD



During the past months, many parts of South Africa, have received continuous rain and roads have deteriorated rapidly. Therefore, we urge our members to be hyper vigilant, as countless potholes (big and small) have sprung up on the roads.

Always be on pothole patrol, looking ahead while driving and noting where the craters are will help you avoid the pits in the roads.

The South African Automobile Association estimates that about 60% of South Africa's roads are potholed or are in need of maintenance. This means that for every 100km you drive, about 60 of those kilometres will be on a road that puts your car at risk.

Here are safety tips for steering clear of potholes:



- **If you can, try to avoid potholes completely by slowing down while carefully swerving**, especially if you drive on the same road every day and know where they are situated. Always be on the lookout for new potholes - what was a perfect road last week could be a pothole-ridden drive this week! Make sure to check for oncoming vehicles before you swerve.



- **Make sure your tyres are properly inflated**, according to your car manufacturer's recommendation. This will mean an adequate cushion between the road and your tyres.



- **Watch out for sand and grit** - this could indicate the presence of a pothole.



- **Drive with a clean windshield** as your field of vision is critical.



- **Follow the lead of other cars:** If you see a car swerving for no apparent reason, it may well be to miss a pothole.



- **Drive carefully:** If there was ever a reason not to speed and to keep a safe following distance, it should be to avoid hitting a pothole or another car braking in front of you.



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